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Mr. Mark Rappaport, RN, MS  
Quality Assurance Facility  
Review Specialist II  
COMMISSION ON QUALITY OF CARE  
401 State St.  
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Re: Valerie Young  
OCCID: 0506138

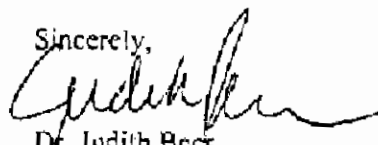
Dear Mr. Rappaport:

We are in receipt of your letter regarding the death of Valerie Young. We have reviewed your suggestions and greatly appreciate their value in helping us develop systemic monitoring of consumers who are at high risk for DVT's. As a consequence, we are currently in the process of developing a comprehensive procedure for assessing, treating and monitoring these consumers. The procedure will address all the points you highlighted including

- an assessment tool
- recommended medical regimen (including the use of TED stockings)
- guidelines for nursing
- tracking of activity
- PT guidelines for ROM
- need for PT consults and training

If you like we will be happy to forward these procedures to you upon their completion. Additionally, we have reviewed the issue of the nurse who documented administration of medication to Valerie on 6/20/05 and are taking administrative action against her. Again, we appreciate your assistance on this case.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Judith Beer  
Quality Assurance

cc: P. Uschakow

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